



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Stephen BAILEY et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

Application No.: 10/724,599

Examiner: G. EVANS

Filed: December 2, 2003

Docket No.: 117873

For: ELECTRO DISCHARGE MACHINING A PASSAGE USING A BACKING MEMBER  
(AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 1, 2005 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**